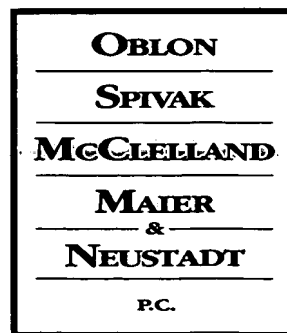




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APPARATUS, AND SEMICONDUCTOR LASER
DRIVE METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2821

Examiner: VU, JIMMY T.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Election Response

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In response to the Election requirement of June 16, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-49, drawn to a semiconductor laser drive apparatus, an optical wire apparatus and an imaging apparatus, classified in class 372, subclass 38.02+, and sub-Group 1, Claims 1-37, drawn to a semiconductor laser drive, classified in class 372, subclass 38.02, for further examination on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Applicant traverses the outstanding election requirement on the grounds that it has not been established that it be an undue burden to examine each of the noted inventions and claims together.

Under M.P.E.P. § 803, an election requirement is not proper if a search and examination can be made without a serious burden on the Examiner, and the outstanding

election requirement has not established that examining each of the currently-pending claims together would result in an undue burden.

M.P.E.P. § 803 specifically states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

The outstanding election requirement has not established that each of the claims could not be examined without an undue burden, and thus each of the noted inventions and claims should be examined on their merits.


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